

INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]
AND WIFE, [REDACTED], AMERICANS,
NOW RESIDING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

It will be recalled that in early December, 1961, that an official of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (CP of CZ) had made inquiry of a representative of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) regarding a young American couple by the name (first name known) [REDACTED] (phonetic) from Seattle, Washington, who had recently arrived in Czechoslovakia and indicated a desire for asylum. The CP of CZ knew nothing regarding the background of these individuals and expressed a desire that the CP, USA secure some information regarding them.

In mid-January, 1962, the above information and request received from the CP of CZ were made known to Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CP, USA. At this time, Hall advised he did not know the young couple referred to by the CP of CZ but that he would, in conjunction with a currently planned West Coast trip, check up on the [REDACTED] and secure some detail regarding them.

In the latter part of February, 1962, it was learned that [REDACTED], a functionary of the CP of the State of Washington, had traveled to Detroit, Michigan, to attend a CP, USA meeting. [REDACTED] at the time carried with him a message prepared by Burt Nelson, Chairman of the CP of the State of Washington, which was to be given to Gus Hall. In carrying out his assignment, [REDACTED] turned this message over to Phil Bart in Detroit, Michigan, who, in turn, hand carried it to New York for delivery to Hall.

The message prepared by Nelson was as follows:

"Seattle
Feb. 22,

"Memo to Gus:

"Some information which will give you food for thought if it does not give you any answers. You may recall that the wire

"services in Nov. carried stories about the University of Washington Professor and his wife by the name of [] who were asking political asylum in Czechoslovakia. At the time this seemed a little odd but since we were pre-occupied with the initial impact of the McCarron Act I did not pay much attention to the story. However, my interest in this was rekindled by the story about the [] which appeared in the Seattle Post Intelligencer Sunday Feb. 18 1962-- see attached clipping. In the main this is a rerun of the earlier story with the addition that [] has asked a local attorney to arrange for the shipment of his books to Czechoslovakia. This seems some what less than cause for what is virtually a three column story in the Sunday paper so I asked around a bit and only learned one more thing about the []. He had been employed by the State of Washington Department of Fisheries before going to the University. But not one word of where he came from or what his background is other than what is in the story which includes reference to his being a former marine corp demolition expert.

"While I was most unsuccessful in finding out anything about the [] I did learn that [] and [] departed from Seattle approximately Feb. 5 ostensibly to take up residence in Sweden. The [] were supposedly merely going to Copenhagen to attend a fisheries conference but instead went to Vienna and then to Czechoslovakia. [] was a radiologist employed by the Mason Clinic in Seattle. The clinic is reportedly subsidized by the University of Washington and possibly directly by the Federal Government. The reason for the subsidy is not readily obtainable at this moment. [] is a Social psychiatrist. They are reputed to have earned a very substantial income. They came here from Missouri five or six years ago. He is reputed to be an independent radical who was associated with [] dismissed from a Kansas school about ten years ago. Apparently the [] case was political but so far I can not establish anything about it in detail not even which school it was.

"Is there a connection between the [] and the [] going abroad. Frankly, I do not know but it is of interest that the rerun on the [] story coincides with the [] departure. Further it is common knowledge that the University of Washington has an extensive radiation center and that this is federally subsidized. What if any connection

"there is between the Mason Clinic and the U of W radiation center I do not know. [] is alledged to have said shortly before departure that any one who knew hat was being done here with radiation and had good sense would get out of the country. Personally, I would not be a bit surprised if [] leaves Sweden before long.

"It is possible that [] is telling the truth when he says tthat they had been planing this move for several years, since, within the past 15 years, a number of professional people have left this area to live abroad. Apparently, they felt stifled in this country and having little or no confidence in the people and no sense of mass struggle they voted with thier feet. My interest in these developments is now aroused and I will continue looking.

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"Another bit of information L.W. and O.N. who came here from Jersey a couple of years ago,--Pat will remember them as will C.W and H.W., took sharp exception to my enquiring about the [] demanding by what authority and for what reason was I asking the questions. All in all they were not cooperative in respect to this. I told them that I was curious about the repeat story and that beyond that I felt I had a right to ask the questions without spelling out why I was doing so. They professed not to know the [] but did know the [] very well. So well in fact that I question thier denial of an acquaintance with []. It may be purely coincidence but it appears that they all may have known each other in the east or midwest. I suggest that you ask around a bit. Try Manhattan, Jersey and Michigan to start with. L and O. N. were in the Soviet Union last summer--- Okay so a hell of a lot of other people went there for a lot of reasons but take a look anyway the answer to my question may be more nearly in your area than in mine.

/S/ "Burt"

In connection with the above message, it is the opinion that the individual referred to as Pat is probably identical with Patrick Toohey, a functionary of the CP of New Jersey. In addition, C.W. and H.W. undoubtedly refer to Carl and Helen Winter, functionaries of the CP of Michigan.

At the present time, the identities of the individuals known as "L.N." and "O.N." are unknown.

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PETS FIND NEW HOMES BUT FRIENDS WORRY:

Mystery Cloaks Junges' Stay Behind Iron Curtain

BY KEN FLEMING

When the Charles O. Junge Jr. family of rural Kirkland revealed last November they had decided to remain for some time in Prague, Czechoslovakia, they left behind them a mongrel dog, a yellow cat, and a puzzled group of friends.

Junge and his wife, Dr. Josephine M. Junge, were dropped from their positions on the faculty of the University of Washington November 13.

Contacted by overseas telephone at the International Hotel in Prague Mrs. Junge was asked by a Post-Intelligencer reporter if she, her husband, or their adopted son, Larry, 20, intended to return to the United States and this community. Her answer:

"No."

MRS. JUNGE said letters were being sent home explaining their decision to live in Czechoslovakia. When they arrived they offered precious little information.

Dr. Earl P. Benditt, chairman of the Pathology Department of the University's School of Medicine under whom Mrs. Junge had worked as a research associate, received a brief telegram announcing her resignation.

On November 21 in a two-paragraph handwritten note to Dr. Richard Van Cleave, dean of the University's College of Fisheries, Junge wrote:

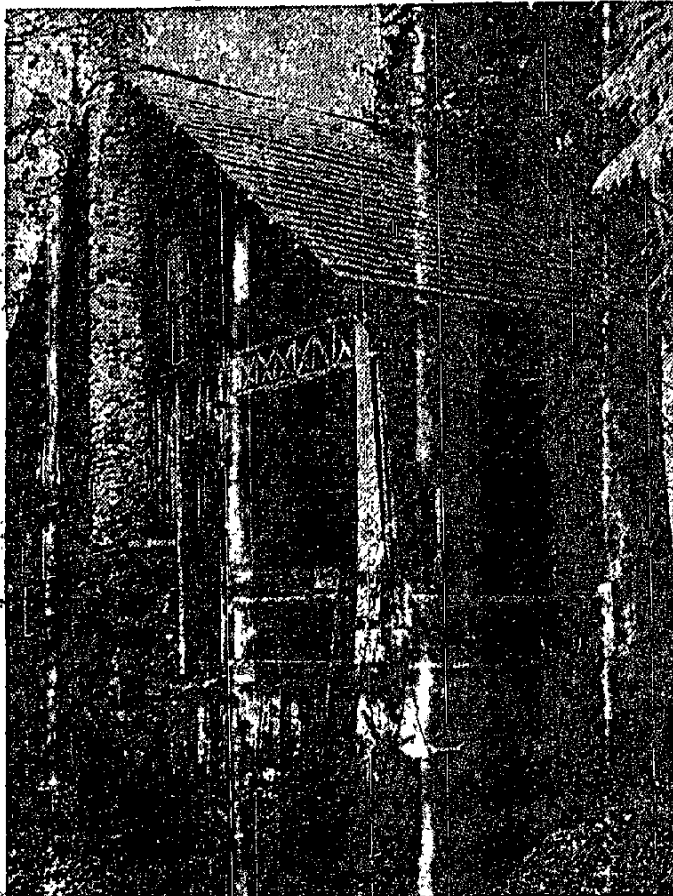
"For the past several years, we have been making plans to come to live and work in one of the socialist countries. We are happy to say that our plans have succeeded and we now are living in Prague.

"I am very sorry that I was unable to discuss this with you several months ago and clear up details of my work at the University. In any case, if there are residual problems, please write me about them."

JUNGE, WHO lacks only a few credits for his Ph.D., was employed without tenure as a research assistant professor in the College of Fisheries. His specialty was the application of mathematics to fishery problems — biometrics.

A few weeks ago Seattle attorney Richard Well, who has been retained by the Junges, came to Junge's old office, identified himself, and picked up the scientist's collection of textbooks and papers to be shipped to Junge.

Mrs. Junge apparently has not asked to have her books forwarded to Prague for they remain in her office that she shared with other researchers.



THIS RUSTIC HOME, built of cedar logs from the surrounding land, last year was the residence of Charles O. Junge Jr. family now living in Czechoslovakia. The home, situated in the O. O. Denny Park section east of Lake



Washington, is for sale by another owner. Among the possessions left behind by the Junges is their dog, Prince, who is seen nuzzling the hand of Leslie C. Hill, a longtime friend of the family.

—(Post-Intelligencer Photos by John Valters)

neighbor and friend of the Junges. Their yellow cat, Tiger, still sleeps and fights at the home that is being rented by Mrs. Trula Reilly.

Mrs. Reilly had worked as a cleaning woman for the Junges before they left.

Arrangements are being made to ship or dispose of the family possessions left in the charming old house. Neither Mrs. Reilly or Hill have had any direct contact with the Junges since their departure.

HILL SAID HE hopes the Junges return to the area.

"They were excellent neighbors," Hill said. "We used to go over to their home and hear long hair music when they would get a new album. I'd be glad to have them back tomorrow."

SOME OF THE JUNGES' highbrow associates noted

Mrs. Junge is older than her husband and did not "mix well" with other wives.

But why should she want to live in Prague?

"I can see how they would like being there," Hill answered. "seeing as how it's sort of the cultural center for that country."

Last November the Associated Press reported that Mrs. Junge said:

"My husband and I would like to stay in Czechoslovakia for the rest of our lives."

THAT SUCH WAS the object of the Junges' lives never was apparent to their friends. Junge, a demolitions expert from his World War II training with the Marine Corps in which he was a sergeant, was born in Pennsylvania and was a 1937 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Junge is a graduate of the University of Utah. She had her academic doctor's hood placed over her shoulders after work at the University of Chicago.

Czechoslovakia, a land-locked country, of course, has no fisheries fleet.

Dr. Benditt said Mrs. Junge was "not an outstanding in-

vestigator" but was "quite a

hard worker" on her project

to develop the labeling of anti-

bodies with a fluorescent dye.

He, too, wonders whether the

Junges "got their arms twist-

ed" to force them to stay

and hope for their safe return

overseas.

But in the meantime the

possessions here are being

liquidated, their pets have

quired a new master, and

their friends continue to wor-

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arly couple who expected to receive letters from the Junges have heard nothing. And they are puzzled.

ONE OF MRS. JUNGES' brothers, George W. McBroom, a Seattle attorney, has politely, but firmly refused to comment on the activities of his sister.

Another brother, also an attorney, Ralph A. McBroom of Salt Lake City, said shortly after the Junges became "news" last November that the couple may not be acting "voluntarily." He said the family stands ready to assist them in any way to return to

The Junges family left Seattle September 15. Junges told his friends and associates he intended to attend an international fisheries conference in Copenhagen during their three week vacation in Europe.

HAD THEY INTENDED to stay in an "Iron Curtain" country at that time? Only the Junges can say. However, a search of county records show the couple sold their home and small acreage August 18 to Rodney L. Loveless, a developer, who lives near the Junges home situated just north of O. O. Denny Park.

The rustic home built of cedar logs more than 50 years ago is at 6334 NE 130th Place. The Junges bought it and the land around it for \$7,950 in 1956. They sold the property last August for \$17,000.

Their attorney, Well, said last week the couple had sold the land and house to Loveless with the right to lease back the home for a certain period of time. The house has been for sale on the open market for about three weeks now listed with an Eastside realty company.

THE JUNGES' 1952 model station wagon parked beside the house also is for sale. The family dog, Prince, a friendly black and white long-haired mongrel, is being cared for by Leslie C. Hill, a long-time